

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ayoub RASHTCHIAN, <i>et al.</i>)	Confirmation No: 6375
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Application Serial No.: 10/633,629)	Group Art Unit: 1633
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Filed: August 5, 2003)	Examiner: Ileana Popa

For: COMPOSITIONS FOR IN VITRO AMPLIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

Sir:

Applicants request continued examination of the captioned application. A final office action was mailed March 18, 2010, and a Notice of Appeal was filed September 20, 2010. This paper is timely filed on March 21, 2011 pursuant to the attached petition for a four (4) month extension of time and the payment of the requisite fee.

Please amend the application as set forth below.